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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
Room 2125, Temporary "M" Building  
26th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

5 August 1954

PRESENT

25X1A9a Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman  
[REDACTED] Jr., CIA, Vice Chairman  
Col. William C. Baird, Air Force  
Mr. H. S. Bennett, Navy  
Col. Lyman Bothwell, Army  
Mr. Bennett Davis, Navy  
Mr. Edward Doherty, State  
Mr. John Easton, JCS  
Mr. Duncan Edlmes, Army  
Mr. Howard Wiedemann, State

25X1A9a1 [REDACTED] CIA, Principal Staff Economist  
[REDACTED], CIA, Executive Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Action: The minutes of the Economic Intelligence Committee meeting of 20 April 1954 (EIC-M-35) were approved.

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REQUESTED BY WSEG FROM IAC AGENCIES

2. Discussion: G-2, AFOIN, ONI, and CIA reported receiving similar memoranda from the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group (WSEG) requesting certain information on Soviet Bloc stockpiles and rates of military consumption of petroleum and ammunition.

3. Action: It was agreed that generally requests of this nature to several agencies should be handled on a coordinated basis, but since the agencies concerned had nearly completed their replies, it was agreed to proceed with separate answers to WSEG in this instance. It was suggested that the agencies concerned might wish to mention to WSEG that the EIC is the established mechanism for obtaining coordinated answers to problems of this nature, in which several members of the economic intelligence community are involved.

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IAC INSTRUCTION TO THE EIC TO EXAMINE AND REPORT ON PROPOSED DCID 15/1  
"PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE"

4. Discussion: The Chairman explained that the EIC had been requested by the IAC (IAC-M-161, item 5) to study the draft of the proposed DCID 15/1 and make recommendations to the IAC. Each representative then presented the views of his particular agency.

5. Action: It was agreed to establish a working group consisting, insofar as possible, of the principal EIC representatives of the IAC agencies. This group is to seek to agree specific language for each section of DCID 15/1, or to present a clear statement of disagreements. The Vice Chairman of the EIC was appointed Chairman of the working group, and the first meeting was called for Monday 9 August 1954 at 2:00 p.m.

CIRCULATION OF EIC-S-16/12, "PRIORITY DEFICIENCIES OF COLLECTION ON THE SOVIET BLOC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, PART b, RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION, SECTION I, USSR", AND EIC-D-76, "RESPONSIBILITY FOR SURVEY LISTINGS OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RESEARCH"

6. Action: The Subcommittee Survey on Priority Deficiencies of Collection on the Soviet Bloc Transportation Systems, Part b, Railroad Transportation, Section I, USSR, and the recommendations of the EIC Secretariat for coordination of future surveys of research programs (particularly external research) were circulated to members for interim action by the end of the week of 9 August 1954.

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Acting Executive Secretary  
Economic Intelligence Committee

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